

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-29 were originally filed and subjected to restriction. Claims 1-10 and 12-17 are elected. Claims 11 and 18-29 are withdrawn from consideration. Claim 18 is amended to refer to elected claim 1.

II. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to pursue Group I, claims 1-17, directed to compounds. Furthermore, Applicants elect as a compound representative of a fatty amino acid derivative the lipoasparagine (ALP) compound with a linear hydrocarbon as the R¹ group and a linear hydrocarbon as the R² group and CH₂ as the X group.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at (512) 536-3167 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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